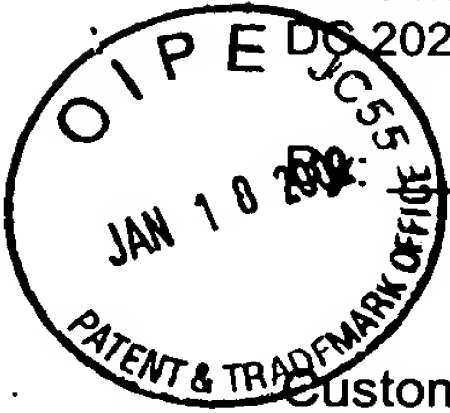


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The executed declaration is filed concurrently herewith.

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